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Response to Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 05/17/2005 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Please amend the Application as indicated on the following pages..

Claims 1-20 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Leibowitz et al. (US 4,500,173) in view of Weber et al. (US 5,686,979). The examiner is requested to reconsider this rejection.

Embodiments of the present invention provide a display device comprising a first electrode; a liquid crystal layer positioned under and connected to the first electrode; a second electrode; a switchable optical layer, having a transparent state and a non-transparent state and being electrically switchable between the transparent state and the non-transparent state, positioned above and connected to the